

23 March 1956

Thru : Chief, St/I/R
: Chief, D/S
Chief, S/COM

Requirements Covering Gaps in Intelligence Information of Postal and Telecommunications Systems Connecting Viet Minh with Communist China.

- REF : a) CIA/RR Project 10.1040, (ORR's Contribution to NIE on Indochina). S/COM contribution, "Communications Systems Connecting Viet Minh With Communist China and Probable Development Through 1956," 23 March 1956, S.
- b) CIA/RR Economic Research Area, Analysts' Manual Notice, 4 May 1955, Finishing Procedures, subj: "Transmittal of Gaps in Intelligence Information as Collection Requirements at the Termination of Each Branch Project," S.

Background

(Secret)

Reference (a) states the gaps which exist in the post and telecommunications systems connecting Viet Minh with Communist China, and also provides the necessary background concerning these gaps. Overall data in the post and telecommunications industry are extremely fragmentary. The requirements set forth below attempt to cover these gaps in intelligence information. Each of the following requirements bear the classification "SECRET."

Requirements

A. Radio Systems

1. What are the point-to-point radio facilities connecting Viet Minh with Communist China?

2. What is the total volume of traffic passed on these links 1955 to date?
3. What is the total revenue derived from this service 1955 to date?

B. Wireline System

1. What wirelines connect Viet Minh with Communist China?
Are these cable or open wirelines? What is the capacity of these wirelines?
2. What is the total volume of traffic passed on these wirelines 1955 to date?
3. What is the total revenue derived from this service 1955 to date?

C. Postal System

1. What is the total volume of the following postal services connecting Viet Minh with Communist China 1955 to date?
 - a) Number of air mail, registered and ordinary letters mailed?
 - b) Number of post cards mailed?
 - c) Weight of packages mailed?
2. What is the total revenue derived from each of the above services 1955 to date?

- D. How much monetary and physical aid did the telecommunications industry receive from Communist China and the USSR in 1955? Of this aid, what amounts went to the various sectors of the industry? What has been allocated to the industry in 1956?

-3-

E. What portion of the funds allocated to the 1956 National Plan will go to the telecommunications industry? Of this amount, what will the various sectors of this industry receive? How much will be allocated to repairing and construction of international facilities?

25X1A9a


ORR/S/COM: LEM:ccg (22 March 1956)